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Central Intelligence Agency Advertises For Employees

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"The Central Intelligence Agency may have a career for you. It is not a career for everybody. It is a career for a few very special bright men and women with talent...."

To see the CIA advertising for employees almost destroys one's image of the Hollywood version of international spies. Imagine James Bond, 007, filling out an application, including a short description of his personal strengths along with his resume.

The image just does not materialize.



But the CIA, like any other job force, must recruit some of its employees. Its process is just more secretive and detailed than most agencies. According to the American Civil Liberties Union, there is no law prohibiting the CIA to

recruit students from universities. The universities are the only authorities that may prohibit CIA recruitment.

The choosing of employees is apparently a selective and extended process that occurs on campuses nation-wide, including UC Davis.

"We get a pretty good response from Davis," said Bill Cooley, a CIA recruitment officer in San Francisco. "A lot of people apply. There is a broad range of jobs."

The CIA, according to Cooley, has recruited students from UC Davis ever since he has worked for the agency: "I'm sure it's been a long time," he said, "but I've only been here five years, so I can only speak for that."

The CIA has not interviewed anyone from Davis this fall; but according to Cooley, the agency plans on inviting people into their San Francisco office for future interviews.

The recruitment officers do not normally come on campus; but in the past, Cooley said he has visited the Career Planning and Placement Center at UC Davis to give the center information on specific requirements.

Cooley said the CIA normally works through the Placement Center at the universities. The process involves advertising in the university newspaper once or twice a year, supplying resume forms for the placement center, and then receiving them in San Francisco.

The CIA will personally contact a prospective employee if he or she meets the essential qualifications: if he or she is a citizen of the

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